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A CAMPAIGN LIE NAILED.

Sam Cook's Letter to the Globe-Democrat.

The following letter was sent last week to the Globe-Democrat and Republic. The Republic printed part of it, omitting the paragraphs relating to the assessments of the Globe-Democrat and Post-Dispatch. It would seem that the St. Louis papers are democratic, republican and independent only to cover the field. Otherwise they take care of each other.

To the Editor of the Globe-Democrat: A great newspaper like the Globe Democrat ought not let its partisan zeal lead it to detract from the well-earned prestige of its own state, nor to unfairly or unjustly exalt other states to the detriment of its own.

In your recent editorials, comparing the assessment of property for taxable purposes in Missouri with the states of Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, and in comparison of the tax rate in these states, you are not fair with Missouri, and you claim for Illinois and the other states under republican control advantages, in regard to taxation, which they do not possess.

You state in this morning's issue that "the actual amount of direct state taxes paid in Missouri is 17 cents on the \$100 valuation, 10 1/2 cents in Illinois and less than one cent in Iowa."

As a matter of fact, the tax rate for state purposes in Illinois for the present year has not and will not be fixed until about the 1st of December, but the rate for 1903 was 52 cents on the \$100, fifty of which was for the revenue purposes and two for schools.

In Iowa, the tax rate for state purposes this year is 35 cents on the \$100, thirty of which is for revenue and five for schools.

In Missouri, as you state, the rate for all the state purposes is 17 cents, but you neglect to state that only 10 cents of this is for revenue, while the remaining seven is returned to the people for the support of their schools. Consequently, the tax levy for meeting the expenses of conducting the state government, exclusive of the state tax for school purposes in the three states named, is as follows:

Iowa.....30 cents.
Illinois.....50 cents.
Missouri.....10 cents.

I hold telegrams from the auditors of both Illinois and Iowa giving me these figures as to their respective states.

Nor are you fair in your positions concerning the assessment of property in Missouri, as compared with the republican states adjoining us. It is true, the law in Illinois specifically fixes a one-fifth value for taxing purposes, and the law fixes a one-fourth value in Iowa, while in Missouri the law specifies the "actual cash value" which you hold means one hundred cents on the dollar.

So intelligent a newspaper as the Globe-Democrat ought not to be so ignorant of conditions in its own state as not to know that custom in this state, practically as old as the state itself, has fixed a one-third value for taxing purposes as a practical compliance with the law. There is not a county in the state that has at any time assessed property at its full value. It is absurd to claim that it is done in the City of St. Louis. So universal had become the custom of assessing property at practically one-third of its actual value that the last constitutional convention took this custom into account in fixing the limitation of the rate of taxation. If it had not done so, the maximum tax rate could and would have been placed at a much lower figure. This being true, it would be manifestly unjust to property holders of all classes to assess property at 100 cents on the dollar, and there is not a county in the state that has done this.

The assessments fixed by the State Board of Equalization are higher than those made by the respective county assessors and very much higher than those fixed by the State Board in any of the adjoining republican states.

The Eads bridge, half of which is

in Illinois and the other half in Missouri, is valued for taxable purposes in Illinois at \$350,000, and in Missouri \$1,700,000.

The street railways of St. Louis, which were assessed by the last Republican city assessors at five and a half million of dollars, with but slight increase in mileage, are assessed by the Democratic State Board at eighteen and a half millions of dollars.

The public service corporations of Missouri now pay taxes on more than \$131,000,000. So intelligent a newspaper as the Globe-Democrat cannot be ignorant of the fact that while the Republican party was in control of Missouri, the railroads did not pay one dollar of state taxes.

It is true that railroads and other public service corporations pay more taxes in Illinois and Iowa and Kansas than they do in Missouri, in spite of the fact that they are assessed much lower in all three of these republican states, but it is also true that all other classes of property pay more taxes in these states than in Missouri, for the simple reason the tax rate in those states is from three to five times as high as it is in Missouri.

It is only necessary to call your attention to your own assessment, and to the assessment of some of your contemporaries to demonstrate conclusively that your statement, that property assessed by the local assessors in Missouri is valued at one hundred cents on the dollar is the purest fiction. The Globe-Democrat could not be purchased for two million of dollars and if it was assessed on the same basis that the State Board values public service corporations, it would be required to pay taxes on at least \$700,000, yet the records of the assessor's office for the city of St. Louis show that the Globe-Democrat pays taxes on less than \$100,000, or about 5 per cent of its "actual value."

Your local contemporary, the Post-Dispatch, which has had much to say in condemnation of democratic rule in Missouri, is another striking illustration of the absurdity of your claim that property in Missouri not assessed by the State Board pays on a higher valuation than public service corporations. The Post-Dispatch is capitalized at a million dollars, fully paid up, and according to its sworn statement, on file in the office of the Department of State at Jefferson City, is worth one hundred cents on the dollar. As a matter of fact, the paper could not be purchased for a million and a half dollars, and yet the Post-Dispatch only returns to the city assessor for taxing purposes \$32,000, or 3.2-10 per cent of its actual value, according to its own statement.

In Kansas, as in Illinois and Iowa, the assessment of public service corporations is vastly below that of Missouri, but there, too, the tax rate is 52 cents on the \$100 for state purposes, and consequently corporations and all other classes of property in that state pay more taxes in proportion to its value than in Missouri.

In addition to this, Missouri collects from corporations in special fees and taxes, not included in the general tax, more than a million dollars annually, every dollar of which goes into the state treasury, and just to that extent lessens the burden on the property and holdings of the individual citizen. Surely, in view of its own tax record, to say nothing of the comparisons here submitted, the Globe-Democrat ought to be the last to complain of taxation in Missouri. The issue it presents on this subject will prove as disastrous to the republican party leaders as did the effort made two years ago to fool the people with the cry of a "looted school fund."

SAM B. COOK,
Jefferson City, Mo., October 20, 1904.

Cadets Defeat M. V. C.

The W. M. A. foot ball team defeated Missouri Valley College at Marshall Monday afternoon by a score of 28 to 6. The game was much better than it would seem from the one-sided score. At the end of the first half the score stood 6 to 6. Westworth outplayed Marshall in the second half, making four touchdowns in fifteen minutes.

Death of Mrs. Walton.

Died, Wednesday morning at 6:15 o'clock, at her home, corner 10th and Howard Sts., of pneumonia, Mrs. Elizabeth Walton, wife of Thomas Walton, aged 63 years.

Mrs. Walton had been a sufferer with rheumatism for several years, and recently with asthma. Last Saturday she was attacked with pneumonia and sank rapidly.

Mrs. Walton was born in Staffordshire, England, Feb. 26, 1841. She was married to Mr. Walton in England and came with him to New York in 1863. In 1865, Mr. and Mrs. Walton came to this county, where they have lived continuously until now. Only one son survives—John Thomas Walton of this city.

The funeral services were held at the residence at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. Moran of the Episcopal church officiating. Mrs. Walton was a member of the Episcopal church. The interment took place in Macphelab cemetery.

Amateur Theatricals.

Friday evening, November 4th at 8 o'clock, there will be a production of the Deestric Skewl in the opera house. This play is given for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church under direction of Lula Mae Wilcox, a graduate of

Entertained Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. W. S. Carter and Mrs. Edward Moorman, assisted by Misses Virginia Wion and Myrtle Terhune, entertained forty of their friends at the home of the former Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Carter's mother, Mrs. Sylvester Carter of Keokuk, Ia., was the guest of honor.

The home was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and cut flowers. Flinch was the feature of the afternoon and three handsome favors were given. The first, a handpainted sugar bowl and cream pitcher was won by Mrs. J. C. Young Sr., the second, a Japanese Bon-bon dish by Mrs. Mayne Moreland, the third, a hand painted pin tray, Mrs. A. W. Allen.

An elaborate luncheon was served in courses.

Suburbans Win.

Monday afternoon the Suburban foot ball team defeated the second team of W. M. A. in an interesting game by a score of 12 to 0. The Suburbans have been organized only a week and considering this fact the boys deserve much credit. Wentworth played an excellent game and the two touchdowns were made by hard straight playing. The following was the line-up of the Suburbans:



HON. COURTNEY W. HAMLIN,

Member of Congress from this, the Seventh Congressional District, and candidate for re-election.

Bryan W. King's School of Oratory of Pittsburg, Pa.

About forty of the leading men and women of Lexington will participate in this entertainment. Come out and see this excellent representation of an old time Deestric Skewl. Seats of sale at Crenshaw & Young's. Prices 25c, 35c, and 50c.

Visiting Ladies Entertained.

Mrs. James M. Peak and daughters entertained a number of friends at their home Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 6. The reception was given in honor of Mrs. James A. Taggart, of Moberly, and Mrs. George W. Tibbals, of Milford, Connecticut. Progressive flinch was played by the guests and the favors were won by Mrs. George Stier and Miss Jane Edwards. The interior decorations were palms, ferns and cut flowers. The luncheon was served in courses.

Democratic Club Organized.

Hon. Alf. Rector, of Saline county spoke at the court house Saturday night in the interest of the democratic ticket. At the conclusion of the speech, a democratic club composed of voters of Lexington townships was organized for more effective work during the campaign. These lists will continue to be circulated in the hope of enrolling all the democratic voters of the township.

Huffaker, c.; Gruber, r. g.; Patterson H., r. t.; Rostagno, r. e.; Lauchner, l. g.; Mackie, l. t.; Gordon B., l. e.; Tunstall, q. b.; Gordon, L., l. h.; White, f. b.; Edwards, r. h.; Wilmot, substitute. Halves, -20 and 25 minutes.

Married Wednesday.

Married, Wednesday afternoon, at the home of the bride, John H. Manthey and Miss Lydia M. Ahrens, Rev. G. C. Meyer officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Manthey will make their home here, Mr. Manthey being employed at the Lexington Flouring Mills.

Shooting at Corder.

Sunday morning about 11:30 Emory Craft shot and seriously wounded Don Cookling. The trouble occurred in a blacksmith shop and is said to have started over a crap game. Craft was brought here Sunday evening by Constable John Wiley and lodged in jail.

Married.

In Chillicothe Mo., October 4th John W. Stone and Miss Annette Cleary. The groom formerly lived in Warrensburg where his family reside. He is a nephew of Mrs. Dr. J. H. Straughan of this city.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Wallace returned from Kansas City Tuesday night.

Evangelist J. H. Dew will preach at the Baptist church three times Sunday, at the usual morning and evening hours and at 3 p. m. The afternoon meeting will be a service for old folks. An effort is being made to have all the old people in the community attend. The meeting promises to be very helpful to all who may attend, whether young or old.

Market Letter.

Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1904. The cattle market made some gains last week, but most of it has been lost since. The mean market on killing steers at Chicago all last week began to have its effect here Thursday, and outside of a strong market Monday, prices on killing stuff have tended downward every day. Cows and canners sold barely steady last week, and have lost 10 to 20 cents this week, most of it yesterday and today. Top beef steers sold today at \$6.25. A few small bunches sold last week at \$6.40, and one load of show cattle sold at \$7.00. A fair sprinkling of steers sell at \$5.50 to \$6.00, but the supply is small. Buyers claim there is enough, though, and as long as they can buy good grass steers at \$3.35 to \$4.25, no doubt such will be the case. Grass cows and heifers sell at \$2.25 to \$3.25, canners \$2.15 down, veals firm at \$5.00 to \$6.00. Stockers and feeders are lower today, particularly stock calves, which as low as any time this year. Good useful feeders are worth \$3.00 to \$3.75, choice ones up to \$4.00, stockers \$2.75 to \$3.85, fancy ones more, and culls less, stock calves \$2.00 to \$4.00, stock cows \$2.00 to \$2.50, feeding bulls around \$2.25.

The hog market took a turn for the better last week, and light hogs gained 35 cents, heavies 15 cents. Prices turned the other way yesterday, however, and market is 10 lower today, with top at \$5.32 1/2, bulk of sales \$4.90 to \$5.25. Receipts just now are running short of same time last year, the reason for higher prices last week.

Sheep and lamb prices are 20 to 30 cents higher than a week ago, and at the best point this season. Native lambs sell at \$5.60, wethers \$4.10 ewes \$3.50 to \$3.75. Some 65 pound Utah lambs sold at \$5.55 to-day, and yearlings at \$4.10. Stock and feeding sheep are steady, at \$3.30 to \$3.60 for wethers and yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.25 for lambs, ewes \$2.50 to \$3.50, according to age.

J. D. Barnett and J. A. Dennis of Odessa, Mo., prominent farmers, had cattle and hogs on market the 19th.

S. R. Schmutz of Mayview, Mo., marketed a carload of shorted steers here the 19th.

D. A. Slusher of Lexington, Mo., purchased a carload of stockers the 21st.

S. R. Smoot of Mayview, Mo., was in the 20th with a carload of shorted steers that sold at \$5.40.

J. A. RICKART,

L. S. Correspondent.

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice, at Lexington, Mo. Oct. 29, 1904.

Russo Biago, Jessie Dale, Dennis Epanal, Mrs. Annie Farrill, Elmer Hegle, Mrs. Bettie Hawkins, Rosa Hannawald, Charley Harert, Miss Rosa Anna Hawkins, T. H. King, Miss Lillie Laforce, Rall Leary, Rowe J. Leonard, Miss M. E. McDonald, Miss Mattie Phelps, Mrs. Mollie Porter, Tom Porter, Orfusa Roseawa, Pasquate Stare, Miss Lissiweth Stafford, Smith Bros., Albert Selunth, W. W. Schuman (3), Miss Vada Vance, A. C. White, George Wilson, col.

When calling for these please say they were advertised.

JAMES M. CROWDER, P. M.

Entertained the Utile Dulci Club.

Mrs. Frank Bowman entertained the Utile Dulci Club Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 6 o'clock. Flinch was played, Mrs. Annette Peters winning the club prize, Miss Alice B. Peak the guest prize, and Mrs. G. W. Tibbals the consolation prize. The house was tastefully decorated with cut flowers. A meat supper and coffee were served.

Mrs. Henry Williams and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Lunce, returned from a visit in Sedalia Wednesday evening.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING.

Senator Stone to Address the People of Lexington and Vicinity Monday Night.

Under the direction of the state democratic committee, Senator Wm. J. Stone will speak at the court house Monday night at 8 o'clock upon the issues of the campaign, state and national.

Death of a Former Lafayette Countian.

Below is printed a clipping from a local paper, announcing the death of George W. Baker at his home near Baker, Snake Valley, Nevada.

Mr. Baker was once one of the largest farmers in this county, his home being about six miles south of Lexington on the Columbus road. He was the largest slave holder in the county and so devoted to him were his slaves that many of them after the war accompanied him to Nevada, where he became one of the great ranchmen and stockmen of that state.

Among his near relatives remaining here are the following places: Mrs. N. B. Payne, Mrs. Louise Chandler, Miss Lucy Temple of this city, and Mrs. Charles Morrison formerly of this city, now of Kansas City.

The clipping is as follows:

The many friends of Geo. W. Baker will regret to learn of his death, which took place at his residence in Snake Valley on Wednesday.

The deceased was born in Louisa county, Virginia, on May 5, 1819, and was therefore 85 years and 13 days old at the time of his death.

In early life he moved to Missouri, and on December 5, 1844, was joined in marriage to Miss Maria Louisa Mathews, formerly of Richmond, Virginia, by the Rev. I. C. Hinton, at St. Louis, Mo. For four years after his marriage he made his home in Franklin county, Mo., at the expiration of which period he removed to Lexington, in the same State, where he continued to reside until the year 1873.

Previous to the Civil War he was quite wealthy, but owing to reprisals being made upon him during that war, and the fact that he had a large number of notes to pay for other parties for whom he went security, he was in the above named year forced into bankruptcy. But, notwithstanding his age—54 years—with that indomitable energy and push, which was characteristic of his nature, he left his former home and pushed further West, until the State of Utah was reached. He engaged in freighting until 1876, when he removed to White Pine county, and acquired by purchase and homestead rights the ranch that bears his name. By his untiring zeal and close attention to details he brought his productive properties to the highest standard, and the excellence of its fruits and vegetables are known and appreciated through the length and breadth of White Pine and adjoining counties.

He was a gentleman of the old school, well educated, and having had a breadth of experience vouchsafed to but few men, his opinions were eagerly sought after by many.

Mr. William N. Davis and Miss Mary Higgins were married Tuesday evening, October 24, 1904, at the home of C. S. Parker, south-west of Concordia, Rev. Xenophon Ryland, officiating.

Married, near Mayview, Tuesday October 24, 1904, at the home of the bride, Miss Mary Parker, and W. N. Davis, of near Aullville, Rev. X. Ryland performed the ceremony.

Henry Cordes and Miss Ella, daughter of Widow Schnackenburg of near Concordia, will be married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride.

Died, at her home south of Higginsville, October 22, Mrs. Miles A. Dryer, aged 64 years.

Died, at her home in Bates City, October 19, Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, aged 64 years.

Born, near Bates City, to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Groon, recently, a daughter.

Miss May Haley of Portland, Oregon, is visiting Miss Laura Gillen.

Died, in Higginsville, Oct. 24, Henry Hicks, aged 67 years.